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Mr. Dulles:

The reason for your call from Mr. Robert W. Hompe of Smith, Kline and French Laboratories, was as follows:

Mr. Rodney Kellett who Mr. Hompe believes you knew as a fellow Princetonian, if not an actual classmate, is retiring from Smith, Kline and French and will be feted at a large party of company officials next Monday night. He has actually been with the company only ten years but has reached the age of compulsory retirement under the company policies and will therefore be leaving his position as assistant to the vice president in charge of manufacturing (Mr. Hompe). According to Mr. Hompe, Mr. Kellett, upon his retirement, will become a commissioner in Lower Meriam Township, right outside of Philadelphia. This is a political appointment and Mr. Hompe and the other officials in the company have been kidding Mr. Kellett about going into politics.

Mr. Hompe requests that if you feel you can do so, you send him a telegram upon the occasion of Mr. Kellett's retirement which he can read at the farewell party being held for Mr. Kellett Monday evening.

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